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For: COLOR SHEET HAVING LIGHT-SHIELDING PROPERTY

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth in the May 18, 2006

Notice of Allowance, Applicants provide the following comments.

The Statement of Reasons for Allowance indicates that:

the prior art discloses a color sheet having a light-shielding effect, comprising at least a reflecting layer made of polyvinyl chloride type resin with at least one material selected from the group consisting of glass beads, hollow glass balloons, and microcapsules and a color layer wherein the color layer is exposed to light from the reflecting layer, the reflecting layer having a solar-radiation reflectance of 60% or more in a wavelength range of 780 nm to 1350 nm, the color layer having a light transmittance of 30% or more in a wavelength range of 780 nm to 1350 nm and a solar-radiation absorbance of 10 to 80% in a wavelength range of 380 nm to 780 nm

May 18, 2006 Notice of Allowance, pages 2 to 3. Applicants do not concede that the prior art discloses a color sheet having each of these features. For example, as conceded in the

November 1, 2005 Office Action, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0018360 to Hugo, the sole reference cited in the Action, fails to teach or suggest "a solar-radiation absorbance of 10 to 80% in a wavelength range of 380 nm to 780 nm," as recited in claim 1. Applicants submit that the instant claims distinguish over the prior art of record at least because of their recitation of "the reflecting layer is made of a polyvinyl chloride type resin compounded with a titanium oxide type white pigment ... a hue of the reflecting layer is white or ivory," and not solely because of such recitation.

Applicants respectfully request that the above comments be entered into the Patent Office's file for the above-captioned application.

Should the Patent Office have any questions regarding this application or the comments set forth above, the appropriate individual is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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